



DTP – BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASIA-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1990 – 2019

Continuation of our series on new political, economic, social and environmental challenges and what these mean for human rights and capacity building.

- In this issue we highlight the [latest report to the Human Rights Council of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Professor Philip Alston](#) who is also on DTP’s International Advisory Board. In it he asserts that climate change will have “devastating consequences for people in poverty ... [and that] Climate change threatens the future of human rights and risks undoing the last fifty years of progress in development, global health, and poverty reduction.” In outlining the steps that should be taken to address this, he concludes that *“The human rights community, with a few notable exceptions, has been every bit as complacent as most governments in the face of the ultimate challenge to mankind represented by climate change. The steps taken by most United Nations human rights bodies have been patently inadequate and premised on forms of incremental managerialism and proceduralism which are entirely disproportionate to the urgency and magnitude of the threat.”*
- [A second revolution: 30 years of child rights, and the unfinished agenda](#), ... “Without a stronger rights-based approach to children’s wellbeing and development, the UN Sustainable Development Goals – with their twin objectives of ending poverty by 2030 and protecting the planet – will be difficult, if not impossible to achieve.”

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- 2019 – [Capacity Building Program on the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Darwin Australia](#) and [Brochure](#)
- [2019 Lebanon – MENA Regional Capacity Building Program on the Rights of Migrant Workers – Draft Summary Report](#)
- [2019 Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business](#) with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact and Forum Asia – [Summary Report](#), [Schedule](#) and [Opening Speech](#) by DTP Alumna and AICHR Commissioner, [Yuyun Wahyuningrum](#)

- 2019 Human Rights and Business and the SDGs in the Pacific – Capacity Building for Civil Society – [Summary Report](#)

PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- DTP 1994 alumna [Chalida Tajaroensak](#), director of the People Empower Foundation (PEF) in Thailand calls for “people’s diplomacy” to insist on room for [civil society groups at ASEAN Summit](#)
- DTP 2018 alumna Sinem Sefa Bayraktar from Kalkınma Atölyesi (Development Workshop) in Turkey sent the [Research Report Poverty, Migration And Child Labour: The Socio-Economic Profile Of Seasonal Agricultural Worker Households](#)
- Profile of DTP alumna [Shivani Wangkheirakpam](#). She is a Meitei Indigenous woman from North East India. She participated in the 2014 DTP Annual program in Nepal and the Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business Program in Thailand this year.
- DTP alumna Kim Chishi of the Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights has sent us [a new publication](#) providing an overview of the Naga peoples’ struggle for self-determination ahead of [EMRIP](#)
- DTP alumnus from Papua New Guinea [Allan Mogerema is from the Paga Hill community in Port Moresby. In this podcast he speaks to ABC Radio about the campaign on behalf of the community.](#)

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

- [Business & Human Rights Research Centre is looking for 3 country researchers to draft a section of a briefing note on strategic litigation against public participation for each of Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia](#)
- [Vacancy announcement for the position of Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights \(OHCHR New York\)](#)

EVENTS

- [Fourth international Human Rights Measurement Initiative co-design workshop focused on tracking human rights in the Pacific region Auckland August 2019](#)

AWARDS

- [Nominations for the 14th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award Open, deadline 31 July](#)
- Winners of the [2019 Grassroots Justice Prize](#): [Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust’s](#), [NIRMAN India](#), [This Life Cambodia](#)

RESOURCES

- [How to Develop a Community Paralegal Program](#) and [Guide to Organizing and Working with Community-based Paralegals](#)

DTP’S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- [Threats and attacks against human rights defenders and the role of development financiers](#)
- [Cambodian farmers battle in landmark lawsuit against Thai sugar firm](#)
- [Asian & African civil societies tour Europe to call for binding treaty on business and human rights](#)
- [ITUC Global Rights Index 2019 highlights intensified repression & violence against workers globally](#)
- Australia: [Report accuses 'big four' banks of financing palm oil companies linked to land grabbing & human rights violations](#)
- [UN expert calls for moratorium on the sale, transfer & use of surveillance tools; cites lack of human rights-compliant regulatory frameworks](#)
- Malaysia: [Investigation reveals forced labour & migrant worker abuses at factories producing for electronics brands](#)
- [Women around the world are at the forefront of the corporate accountability movement](#)

Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

- ['Hear us, see us': a plea to the UN for Indigenous women](#)
- Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders Network: [Bangladesh: Give Back the Land Santal's Demands in 164th Hool Diwas at Gaibandha](#)
- [Forest rights in India under attack](#)
- [Joint Statement to the 12th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on Borders, Migration and Displacement](#)
- [Appointment of the Indigenous Peoples expert from Asia for the UNPFII for the term of 2020-22](#)
- Indonesia: [Recognition of customary forests yet to help indigenous peoples](#)

Migrant Workers' Rights

- [United Nations Launches New Fund to Support Greater Cooperation on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)
- Malaysia: [Investigation reveals forced labour & migrant worker abuses at factories producing for electronics brands](#)
- [Philippines and Nepal NHRIs collaborate on migrant rights](#)
- Sri Lanka: [35 unpaid migrant workers return from Kuwait](#)
- [NGO's softly-softly tactics tackle labor abuses at Malaysia factories](#)

Women's Rights

- [Ripple effect of sexual violence in conflict threatens 'collective security' ... says UN chief](#)
- [ILO adopts new Convention on Violence and Harassment in the World of Work](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [Human rights groups alarmed that UN funding cuts mean less scrutiny for human rights abuses](#)
- [UN rights experts urge more protection for LGBTI refugees](#)
- [UN renews crucial mandate for protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#)
- [UNAIDS and UNDP call on 48 countries and territories to remove all HIV-related travel restrictions](#)
- [FIFA Human Rights Advisory Board publishes its third report](#)
- [UNAIDS calls for greater urgency as global gains slow and countries show mixed results towards 2020 HIV targets](#)

Human Rights Council

- [International NGOs highlight measures to strengthen the credibility and legitimacy of the UN HRC's membership](#)

UPR

- [UPR Info Annual Report 2018](#)

SDGs and Development

- [SDG Progress Reports 2019: Are we on track to achieve the global goals?](#)
- [A quarter of Pacific islanders live below 'basic needs poverty lines', top UN development forum hears](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [Indonesia Deputy Foreign Minister statement during the "High-Level Dialogue on ASEAN Human Rights"](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [Police raids put whistleblowers and journalists in firing line](#) and [Australia's raids on journalists reflect a creeping surveillance state](#)
- [UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi described Australia's treatment of refugees on Manus Island and Nauru as a "festering wound"](#)

Bangladesh

- **Take action:** [Release on bail of Mr. Mohammad Abdul Kaium from Odhikar](#)

Cambodia

- FIDH Statement: [Closing civic space for human rights defenders](#)

China

- [22 States jointly condemn China's suppression of minorities in Xinjiang](#)

India

- [Indian Government should withdraw criminal charges against NGO 'Lawyers Collective' and its representatives](#)
- Fortify Rights: [Protect Refugees, Prevent Forced Returns](#)
- **Take action:** [Ongoing intimidation and harassment of Lawyers Collective and its founders, Indira Jaising and Anand Grover](#)
- **Take action:** [Disappeared human rights defender Mugilan found in custody of Railway Police](#)

Indonesia

- [President Joko Widodo's re-election provides a new chance to reevaluate the death penalty](#)

Malaysia

- Amnesty International: [Punishing Dissent Shrinks Space for the Freedom of Expression and Assembly](#)
- Aliran: [Repeal – not amend – draconian Peaceful Assembly Act 2012](#)

Myanmar

- [The UN Envoy for Myanmar Will 'Ring the Alarm Bell' If No Action is Taken on the Rohingya Crisis](#)
- [Oral Update to 41st Session of the Human Rights Council by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](#)
- [BHRN Condemns Sentence Against Activist Ko Htin Kyaw](#)
- [UN Investigator Reports Possible New War Crimes In Myanmar](#)
- [Burma Human Rights Network Slams Myanmar's Use of Nationality Verification Card for Rohingya](#)

Pakistan

- **Take action:** [Continued Threats, Violence and Harassment against family and supporters of women's human rights defender Gulalai Ismail](#)

Philippines

- [NGOs: Conduct an investigation into the killings of activists, and take steps towards addressing the violence](#)
- [UN rights council adopts resolution on Philippines drug war killings](#)

Sri Lanka

- [Joint NGO statement to Human Rights Council: Accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka](#)
- [Concluding observations on the report of the 1st Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [Resuming Death Penalty a Major Setback](#)
- [Muslims Face Threats, Attacks](#)

Thailand

- [End the unfair criminalization of land rights defenders in Sai Thong National Park](#)
- Fortify Rights: [Drop Criminal Complaint Against Human Rights Defender and Lecturer Ngamsuk Ruttanasatain](#)
- **Take action:** [Sirawith "Ja New" Seritiwat in critical condition after being assaulted](#)
- [8 people arrested for sharing social media post claiming police were behind activist attack](#)

Vietnam

- [Vietnam refuses to address serious human rights violations at UN Universal Periodic Review](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

In this section, we list contributions that appear on a regular basis that may be of interest to our readers

- BANGLADESH: [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- BANGLADESH: [Kapaeng Foundation](#)
- CAMBODIA: [Cambodia Center for Human Rights \(CCHR\) Fair Trial Newsletter](#)
- CHINA: [Chinese Responsible Investment Overseas Newsletter](#)
- INDIA: [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- MYANMAR/BURMA: [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- MYANMAR/BURMA: [Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business \(MCRB\)](#)

- NEPAL: [Centre for Migration and International Relations \(CMIR\)](#)
- VIETNAM: [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- WEST PAPUA: [Human Rights and Peace for Papua – The International Coalition for Papua](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme Newsletter](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [Mekong Eye News Digest](#)
- [OHCHR UN Human Rights Civil Society Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [SDC Migration Network Newsletter](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)

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